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In re Application of: Peter C. Johnson

Serial No.: 09/521,769

Filed: March 9, 2000

For: METHOD AND INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 19, 2005

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including November 19, 2005 in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0249.NPUS01 for a three-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason

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relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0249.NPUS01.

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